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Dear Allen:

I take pleasure in sending you the budget and program report of the External Research Division which reviews the past year's operation and outlines our plans for the current fiscal year. I think that the material on pages 17 - 19, which describe the services that are of special interest to your Agency, will particularly interest you.

This is the first occasion I have had to express to you my strong feeling of support for this cooperative enterprise and my appreciation for the vital contribution which your Agency has made to this common service. I believe that you will agree with me that our profession should use the talents and intellectual contributions of the scholarly world to the full and that external research can provide us with an extra dimension in the intelligence and research process.

In taking over the office of Director of Intelligence and Research in the Department I was delighted to read in the file the letter you sent to my predecessor, Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, on September 28, 1960, stating that you look forward to the continuance of this productive arrangement.

Early in my incumbency I had occasion to make a statement to the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee about the external research operation and to reiterate the Department's policy that the program

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Director of Central Intelligence,  
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would continue and would in some respects be extended. As you are aware we are in the process of appreciably expanding our program for the use of consultants and the preparation of policy planning studies by outside experts. I have taken a personal interest in this matter and plan to pay close attention to the policy planning research undertaken. I can assure you that we will welcome suggestions from you and your staff in planning this program which we hope will benefit all national security agencies.

I look forward to a continuance of this fruitful and valuable relation in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Roger Hillsman

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